establishments to organize discussions through Seminars/Workshops/ Symposium on the subject of "Media Ethics: Fetters or Freedom", considered as being of vital importance and relevance in present times.

Urdu channel launch by Doordarshan

2043. SHRI SHAHID SIDDIQUI: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) by when the Urdu channel would be launched;

(b) the steps taken to make Urdu channel of Doordarshan a success;

(c) the number of persons recruited for the new Urdu channel;

(d) whether Doordarshan has held meetings with Urdu scholars, educationists, poets, writers, film personalities to make a success of this channel; and

(e) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI PRIYARANJAN DASMUNSI): (a) to (e) Prasar Bharati has informed that Doordarshan's Urdu channel is likely to go on air in the middle of 2006. Preparatory action is underway to finalise matters relating, *inter-alia,* to putting in place the requisite infrastructure, the format and content of the channel along with the requisite personnel. So far, no recruitment has been made for the new Urdu channel. No need has been felt for such interaction at the present juncture.

Extra working days in Supreme Court and High Courts

2044. SHRIMATI N.P. DURGA: Will the Minister of LAW AND JUSTICE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Hon'ble President has suggested to work on Saturdays and Sundays to reduce the pendency of cases in High Courts and the Supreme Court;

(b) if so, whether there is any proposal before Government to make it mandatory for Supreme Court and High Courts to work on Saturdays and Sundays at least, till the pendency is cleared; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF LAW AND JUSTICE (SHRI K. VENKATAPATHY): (a) to (c) Though suggestions for increasing the working days and working hours of the Supreme Court and High Courts